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Board Takes First Step in Glen Helen Parkway Crossing Project

SAN BERNARDINO - The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved a contract to begin preliminary engineering work on a project that promises to alleviate some traffic problems and public safety concerns on Glen Helen Parkway in Devore.

LAN Engineering of San Bernardino will complete a Project Report and required environmental studies of a proposed crossing over railroad tracks and Cajon Creek in accordance with the \$659,965 contract unanimously accepted by the board.

The Project Report will document the pros and cons of various alternatives for the proposed crossing, which is expected to cost more than \$40 million to construct. The comprehensive report is necessary for the project to be eligible for federal funding. LAN Engineering also will complete environmental studies required for the project to receive Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) assistance.

"Drivers who have waited for a train to cross Glen Helen Parkway can appreciate the need for this project," San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Paul Biane said. "Besides the benefits to drivers, the proposed crossing will enhance emergency access and will solve the roadway flooding issues the County has dealt with for years."

Nearly 100 trains - some more than a mile long - cross Glen Helen Parkway daily, causing long traffic delays on the alternative route between I-15 and I-215. In addition, a bridge just south of the tracks over Cajon Creek is inadequate, and Public Works often closes Glen Helen Parkway because of flooding in this area. The proposed crossing would eliminate both of these traffic barriers, which can hamper response to emergencies.

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Supervisors Approve No-Parking Zone in Fontana

SAN BERNARDINO - The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a no-parking zone on a section of Calabash Avenue in Fontana on Tuesday.

A business in the area of Calabash and Jurupa avenues contacted the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works to report safety concerns related to vehicles parked on Calabash Avenue. A subsequent traffic investigation revealed that prohibiting parking along a portion of the road will allow drivers to exit the business more safely.

"This no-parking zone is just one of the parking restrictions the County has initiated to enhance traffic safety in unincorporated Fontana, and most were enacted after businesses or residents relayed their concerns to us," Second District Supervisor Paul Biane said.

The approved no-parking zone stretches for about 75 feet on the east side of Calabash Avenue from a point about 2,052 feet north of Jurupa Avenue. Public Works will post signs denoting the no-parking zone.